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WOMEN'S AND MISSES' COATS, in long and three-quarter lengths, lined or unlined; just the Coat for the cold, bleak weather of the next three months.  
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We are a little overstocked, so DOWN GO THE PRICES. Be sure and look these Coats over; they are worth your consideration, and a purchase NOW will certainly save you money.  
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Bargains in Skirts  
SKIRTS FOR WOMEN AND MISSES—We are clearing out every Winter Skirt that remains in stock. Such prices and SUCH VALUES merit immediate investigation.  
WOMEN'S SKIRTS, in all colors and all sizes, are in these lots, which embrace materials as well as styles that are newest and most fashionable.  
PLAIN AND FANCY EFFECTS—Tunics, plain yoke top effects; also plaited models—and don't forget these bargain prices.  
Skirts, regularly selling at \$4.50 and \$5.00, for \$3.98  
Skirts, regularly selling at \$6.00 and \$7.50, for \$5.00  
Skirts, regularly selling at \$8.50 and \$11.50, for \$7.50  
Also, Big Bargains in WOMEN'S SUITS AT \$12.50, AND DRESSES AT \$10.00.  
Second Floor.

**NOMINATE MISS OVERBY**  
Representatives of several benevolent, educational and charitable organizations, who met at the City of Richmond, at its organization, to elect a representative to the position of assistant manager of the new bureau.  
Miss Overby is one of the organizers and the first president of the Stenographers' Association of Richmond, and it is understood that she has the endorsement of the union labor organizations of the city. She is a public stenographer, with an office in the First National Bank Building. To a committee of women who called on her several days ago and tendered the nomination of the organizations they represent, Miss Overby stated that her present occupation was more lucrative. She finally agreed to permit her name to be submitted to the board. The position of assistant manager will pay \$75 a month.  
**One Year for Forgers.**  
Joseph Fauntleroy, who was convicted in the Hustings Court on December 22, for passing counterfeit money, and sentenced by the jury to serve one year in the penitentiary, withdrew yesterday his motion for a new trial, and for a new trial. A hearing on the motion had been fixed for yesterday, Judge Richardson presiding, and upon him in accordance with the jury's verdict.  
**FORBES DISMISSED**  
No Evidence in Court to Sustain Charge of Reckless Running.  
The case against Blanchard S. Forbes, of Gresham Court, was yesterday dismissed by the Police Court, when Police Officer Samuel testified that he had arrested Forbes on the complaint of a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, and that he was unable to swear that the automobile was exceeding the speed limit. Forbes was charged with carelessly and recklessly driving his machine through the streets on Saturday afternoon. The young man denied that he was running his machine fast or carelessly, and said that no policeman or fireman warned him that firemen were at work in the vicinity.  
**GREGORY RESIGNS**  
Gives Up Place as Superintendent of Henric County Schools.  
The resignation of John H. Gregory as superintendent of the public schools of Henric County was received yesterday at the office of Governor Stuart, and will be transmitted to the State Board of Education when the Governor returns from Massachusetts, where he is spending a part of the holidays with his family.  
There are half a score of candidates for the place to be filled, and whose names have been most active in their behalf are: H. Selig, D. Drexler, L. S. Thomas, M. N. Booker and John W. Carter. The vacancy will be probably supplied by a meeting of the board to be held in January.  
**Will Enforce Labor Laws.**  
Eleven warrants charging violations of the State Labor Laws will be applied to-day against Richmond business concerns and individuals. The charges will be sworn to by Inspector B. C. Clinebat and Lillie Barbour, of the State Labor Department.



SKETCHES FROM LIFE - By Temple

**NEW HOSPITAL ORDER**  
Board Makes Interests on Ambulance Subject to Superintendent.  
Virginia Hospital Interests in the ambulance service, under an order entered yesterday by the Administrative Board, will be required in the future to respond to any and all calls under the direction of the superintendent of the hospital, and to all calls received through the proper channels. The visiting staff of the Virginia Hospital was directed by the board to issue instructions to this effect.  
The order, it is stated by the board, is inspired by the reported refusal recently of Dr. Walker, of the ambulance corps, to respond to a call when instructed to do so by the acting superintendent of the hospital. It definitely clothes the hospital superintendent with full authority to assign the ambulance and attendant interne to any particular call.  
Another resolution passed yesterday by the board informs the visiting staff of the Virginia Hospital that it is the desire of the board that the superintendent be permitted to attend the periodical meetings of the staff.  
**LARGE BARN DESTROYED**  
Fire From Defective Flue Burns Structure on Peter Paul Estate.  
Fire, originating from a defective flue in an outhouse on the Peter Paul estate, in Henrico County, yesterday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, spread to a large barn adjoining the house, and completely destroyed the building. A colored tenant, Joe Jones, lived with his family on the place. Everything of value, except a large quantity of hay, was saved from the burning structure. The loss is estimated at \$1,000, with no insurance.  
How the fire gained headway so rapidly when the barn was soaking wet from the recent fall of rain and snow is a mystery to those who saw the conflagration. The hay stored inside the structure was dry, however, and burned like powder when flames reached the interior. Dark clouds hanging low over the burning building made visible the fire to residents of the county living miles away. Many residents in the eastern section of Richmond saw the deep red glow against the clouds in the east caused by the fire.  
The location and history of the Peter Paul estate, on the Mechanicsville Turnpike, three miles east of Richmond, is well known to many Virginia residents. The estate, which was the property of a great lover of horses, and for many years maintained a race course on his plantation.  
**RETURN WITH EMPTY BAGS**  
Hunters Give Up Effort to Find Game in Snowstorm.  
Colonel Joseph Hutton, State Insurance Commissioner, and Major L. L. Cheatwood, Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue, returned yesterday from Appomattox County, where they spent Christmas Day and last Saturday hunting on Colonel Hutton's farm. They brought back empty ammunition belts and empty game bags.  
The hunting is not good in Appomattox, they reported. Weather conditions are against the hunters. The days were cold and the nights colder. Hares, squirrels and birds are plentiful in Appomattox, but heavy snows and rough roads prevented the hunters who pursued them in an automobile from getting within gunshot. Colonel Hutton killed a squirrel, and Saturday, and Major Cheatwood says he saw several birds and something that looked very much like a rabbit.  
The colonel and the major decided to curtail their stay in the country and to leave their ammunition for a heavy killing when the violets begin to bloom.  
**Body Not Identified.**  
The identity of the body of the white man killed in a street fight near First and Holly Streets some weeks ago is still a mystery. A Mrs. Layne, who is said to have come here recently from Washington, yesterday called at Billy's morgue and viewed the body. She was certain that it was not that of her brother, Harry Dunbar, of Lynchburg, as had been reported to the police.

**WILL COUNT RURAL MAIL**  
Next Month Carriers Will Be Paid According to Amount of Work Done.  
In order to get a basis upon which to compute salaries, Postmaster Hay T. Thornton was ordered yesterday by the Post-Office Department to see that an accurate tally of all pieces of mail, together with their weight and the amount of postage handled by rural carriers throughout the State, be kept. The new order, putting the rural carriers on pay based on the actual amount of work done by them, goes into effect on the first of the month, and will be kept until January 30. All rural carriers in the State are classified by the local office, and are paid through it.  
**OFFICERS ELECTED**  
Meridian Lodge Holds Stated Communication at Masonic Temple.  
The regular stated communication of Meridian Lodge, No. 234, was held at noon yesterday at the Masonic Temple, and was well attended by its members and visiting brethren. Officers were elected and installed for the ensuing Masonic year, as follows: M. L. Hoyle, Sr., senior warden; M. M. Kilduff, junior warden; H. Bernstein, senior deacon; C. M. Fischer, junior deacon; J. L. Beck, secretary; W. N. Watkins, treasurer.  
The installation of officers there was a pleasant episode at the presentation by Brother W. M. Butler, of Lodge No. 16, to the master, A. H. Flournoy, of a bouquet of choice American Beauty roses. This he did at the request of the members of Alpha Chapter, No. 26, Order of the Eastern Star.  
**Condition Improved.**  
Harry D. Winn, who has been confined to his room for some time, is greatly improved, and hopes to be out within the next few days.

**TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE JOINED OUR CHRISTMAS THRIFT CLUB**  
How much money would you like to have? And for what purpose would you spend it?  
**EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN PAY OFF A MORTGAGE**  
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You can get it if you go about it in the right way. The **CHRISTMAS THRIFT CLUB** will show you the way. Make a small deposit every week, and when the club matures next December you will be surprised at the snug sum you have accumulated. We suit every size of purse.  
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**GANS-RADY COMPANY'S**  
**Finest Overcoats to Be Sacrificed**  
Our Yearly Clearance Sale of Finest Overcoats begins this morning, and every fine coat in the house is included in the sale.  
**All \$65.00 Overcoats reduced to \$49.50**  
**All \$50.00 Overcoats reduced to \$39.50**  
**All \$45.00 Overcoats reduced to \$36.50**  
**All \$40.00 Overcoats reduced to \$29.50**  
**All \$35.00 Overcoats reduced to \$27.50**  
The sale offers the finest Overcoats it is possible to produce, in medium and heavy weights, for dress and motor-ing purposes.  
**GANS-RADY COMPANY**

**VIRGINIA RELIEF SHIP WILL BE LOADED TO-DAY**  
Lynorth Anchors at Norfolk, After Nineteen-Day Trip From Liverpool.  
**ENOUGH FOOD NOW ON HAND**  
It Is Expected That Flour Shipments Will Fill Hold of Big Vessel—Provisions Still Arriving at Norfolk From Many Points.  
Colonel Henry M. Roykin, chairman of the State Commission on Belgian Relief, was notified yesterday that the relief ship, Lynorth, which will carry the Virginia contributions, had passed through the capes at an early hour, and was berthed at what is Norfolk. The loading of the cargo will begin this morning.  
Nineteen days ago the vessel left Liverpool, and according to the report made by Captain Waring, master of the Lynorth, the ship was delayed six days by adverse gales, which found the light freighter a plaything, to be tossed and buffeted and blown from her course. It was only with great difficulty that she was worked into port as soon as she was.  
According to Helican Rice-Consul J. P. Andre Motu, of Norfolk, more than enough to load the Lynorth has probably already been received. The Lynorth has a capacity of 5,530 tons, and Mr. Motu thinks he has more than that at hand. Nevertheless, contributions of cash, clothing and food continue to come in, yesterday's receipts including cash from a number of North Carolina towns.  
**PATHTIC ACCOUNT OF SUFFERING IN BELGIUM**  
Mr. Motu received yesterday from a relative in Belgium a letter pathetic in its very simplicity. "Poor soldiers," he reads, "how they suffer from the cold in the trenches, in which the water oftentimes is knee deep. What sorrow and tears one sees everywhere; it is a sad ending of the year."  
The work of loading the Lynorth will be somewhat prolonged, because every package received must be opened and its contents classified. No scrap of paper with writing on it can go in the cargo, and all marks of every kind on packages must be removed or painted over. This, Mr. Motu said, is because the Germans will not let the gifts go to the Belgians otherwise.  
Arthur Jones, first officer of the Lynorth, and in command of the British steamer Lynowran, of the same line, owning the Lynorth, and sailed in the Lynowran September 24 last from Buenos Aires for Liverpool. A few days out she was overtaken by the German cruiser Karlsruhe, and sunk at sea. Jones, the crew and two women, relatives of the ship's officers, were taken off and later made their way to Liverpool, where Jones was given his present berth.  
**CITY'S CASH SUBSCRIPTION TO BE INCREASED \$110,000**  
Demand for Cotton Loans Expected to Make Two-Thirds Payment Necessary.  
East Hanover Presbytery, at Meeting Here Yesterday, Agrees to Consolidation.  
**MERGER IN EFFECT AT ONCE**  
Grace Street Presbyterian Church and Church of the Covenant Pass Out of Existence—United Congregation to Build in West End.  
Unconditional consent to the merger of Grace Street Presbyterian Church and the Church of the Covenant was given yesterday morning at a special meeting of East Hanover Presbytery, held in the chapel at the Presbyterian Publishing House. The consolidation of the two congregations is effective at once, the united congregation taking the name of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.  
Although agreeing unconditionally to the merger, the presbytery did not approve the elaborate plan of consolidation agreed upon by the congregations of the two churches. Under the terms of that agreement, the consolidation was not to become effective until April 1, but the presbytery, through its action yesterday, automatically closed the books of the two congregations as separate bodies, and created a new church.  
Officers of the old churches will combine and form the official body of the new congregation, with Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, D. D., as pastor. These officers were given authority by the presbytery to meet and work out the details of consolidation. The union church session will also go before Judge R. Carter Scott, in the City Circuit Court, with a petition to have the church property, now held by trustees, transferred to the trustees of the new congregation.  
**OFFICERS OF BOTH CHURCHES COMPOSE OFFICIAL BOARD**  
The presbytery adopted the following resolution, giving the officers of the churches authority to act: "We authorize the members of the sessions of the two churches to constitute the session of the united church."  
"We authorize the members of the boards of deacons of the two churches to constitute the board of deacons of the united church."  
"We authorize and instruct the session of the united church to count as members of both the Church of the Covenant and Grace Street Presbyterian Church, as existing at the hour of the union, and to make out the roll accordingly."  
"We direct that the continuity of the life and history of each church in this merger be, and is, hereby preserved, and it will be proper for the united church to celebrate any date or event having historic significance in the life of either of the two churches merged into one by this action of the presbytery."  
The combined congregation numbers about 900 persons. It is expected that a new building will be erected between Harrison Street and Lee Circle, possibly on the old Richmond College property. On this old Richmond College property, Grace Street Presbyterian Church has more than \$90,000, which was received through the sale of its property at Fourth and Grace Streets. The Church of the Covenant will also bring in a large sum, and this money will be used to construct a suitable house of worship for the united congregation.  
**Richmond Scientists Delegates.**  
Dr. E. C. L. Miller, of the department of bacteriology, and Worley F. Ridd, of the department of chemistry, Medical College of Virginia, are in Philadelphia as delegates to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The association is one of the largest gatherings of scientific men that meets in America. It is made up of the affiliated societies of the various scientific bodies.  
**Street Car Jumps Track.**  
Street car traffic along Main Street was seriously interfered with early yesterday afternoon, when a Laurel Street car, bound North, split the switch and it went to the tracks. The car and the trucks jumped the track. A wrecking crew was hurried to the scene and succeeded in getting the car on the track in a relatively short time.  
All eastbound traffic was stopped by the accident, and westbound traffic was seriously delayed. The cars bound west were able to go up Ninth Street to Broad and return to their respective lines over other tracks, but all east-bound cars were unable to move until the line had been cleared.

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